# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

2311 RACING LLC d/b/a 23XI RACING, and FRONT ROW MOTORSPORTS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STOCK CAR AUTO RACING, LLC, NASCAR HOLDINGS, LLC, NASCAR EVENT MANAGEMENT, LLC, and JAMES FRANCE,

Defendants.

NASCAR EVENT MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Counter-Plaintiff,

v.

2311 RACING LLC d/b/a 23XI RACING, FRONT ROW MOTORSPORTS, INC., and CURTIS POLK,

Counter-Defendants.

No. 3:24-cv-886-KDB-SCR

## **NASCAR'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, NASCAR respectfully moves for summary judgment against Plaintiffs 2311 Racing LLC d/b/a 23XI Racing and Front Row Motorsports, Inc. (collectively, "Plaintiffs") on their Sherman Act Sections 1 and 2 claims (Am. Compl., Counts One and Two).

As set forth more fully in the accompanying Memorandum, the grounds for NASCAR's summary judgment motion against Plaintiffs' claims are as follows:

- There is no genuine dispute of material fact that Plaintiffs' claims are time-barred. The
  statute of limitations for Sherman Act claims is four years. The bulk of the conduct
  Plaintiff challenges occurred between 2016 and 2019. Claims based on that conduct
  are long expired. Plaintiffs' reliance on the continuing violation doctrine is misplaced;
  that doctrine has no applicability here.
- 2. There is no genuine dispute of material fact that Plaintiffs voluntarily and repeatedly released their claims. The Fourth Circuit already upheld that release language as "standard" contractual language that released claims based on all sorts of prior conduct, including antitrust claims.
- 3. There is no genuine dispute of material fact that Plaintiffs put forward a single, aggregated damages number for a purported "course of conduct," including time-barred conduct. Plaintiffs fail to distinguish damages for actionable and non-actionable conduct, rendering Plaintiffs' damages evidence inapplicable and leaving the jury only to speculate.
- 4. There is no genuine dispute of material fact that Plaintiffs lack standing to assert their claims. Plaintiffs concede they are not trying to start their own competing racing series. Thus, the allegedly exclusionary provisions in NASCAR's racetrack sanctions and Charter Agreements could not have caused them any harm. Plaintiffs also never signed the 2025 Charter Agreements and are not bound by any provisions therein. And Plaintiffs' damages expert conceded that he offers no opinion that the acquisitions caused Plaintiffs harm.
- 5. There is no genuine dispute of material fact that 23XI entered the Cup Series eyes wide open. 23XI understood the terms of the Charter, believed that they were not

competitive, and decided to go forward anyway. 23XI cannot now complain of being locked in. Plaintiffs' gerrymandered, fail-safe, alleged market should be rejected as a matter of law, even if the testimony of their expert satisfied Rule 702, which it does not.

6. Finally, there is no genuine dispute of material fact that Plaintiffs' Section 1 claim fails for lack of proof. Plaintiffs fail to provide any evidence on essential elements under the rule of reason. This is fatal at summary judgment.

WHEREFORE, NASCAR respectfully requests that this Court grant its Motion for Summary Judgment.

Dated: October 3, 2025

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This the 3rd day of October, 2025.

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